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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Applicant appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed May 16, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-5.

FEE STATUS

[X] Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is established.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is:

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EXTENSION OF TIME

These proceedings are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

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